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Gone but not forgotten

by Jennifer Headley
Associate Editor

We often go through our lives thinking that death is inevitable , or that no one close to us ever will die. Then, suddenly, over the course of a 73-day period this summer, three members of Saint Leo College lost their lives. During this new school semester, while on most college campuses you will see people concerned with the petty things in life (like clothes and/or other insecurities), the students here at Saint Leo College will be mourning the deaths of three people that many of us knew well, and appreciating not only the chance to spend another day with each other, but also realizing how important it is to spend our lives wisely.

Travis LaBarge was the first student to pass away this summer. He was not very well known on campus, as he had recently transferred from a college near his hometown in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. LaBarge was not an active member in any club or organization and lived off campus. Many people may have seen him, however, in the library on campus where he worked. He was due to graduate from Saint Leo in May with a degree in restaurant and hotel management.

Then, suddenly, on May 29, LaBarge was killed in a one-car accident while riding in a friend's truck.

LaBarge's obituary in the Gazette of Cedar Rapids stated that he died of head and upper-body injuries when he crashed into a tree. The certainty of the driver was never reported because the other person who was with him in the vehicle, who only suffered from a broken leg, claims to not remember who was driving.

The second person to pass away this summer was the well-known and well-liked Jason Kessler. He was a 20 year old liberal arts major and was extremely active on campus. He was involved with his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, as well as being an active member of his soccer team. Jason died on July 9th after collapsing during a game with his city soccer league. It turned out that Jason had an undetected heart condition. He was pronounced dead at Sarasota Memorial Hospital that night.

In an interview with Fran Reidy, Saint Leo College's soccer coach and assistant athletic director, I discovered many things about Kessler. I learned that he was a very good soccer player, who played defense and midfield varsity, had seven assists and one goal in the past two years. Coach Reidy is puzzled about his death in that aside from being a good athlete, it was unlike LaBarge's or Michael Stewart's where a judgment call or rational reasoning involved. His death was inevitable. He worries about Jean Kessler, Kessler's mother, who has tragically lost her second son. "Why was his family targeted like this?" he asks. Although he was worried about how the other players would take his tragic death, he knew that their opinions about him were unanimous, as he says here: "During a tragedy, people usually make someone out

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Faculty Union speaks out

By Thomas Turcotte
Editor

The faculty union and the Administration have been in the process of negotiating a new contract after the initial contract failed to pass the faculty union's vote.

Sister Geraldine Warthling, vice president of student affairs and head of the administrative negotiating team, responded to the vote with these words: "We are surprised and disappointed. We believe we have made a fair and generous offer."

She explained that salary adjustments for the faculty were twice that of all other employees on campus. The administration is attempting to improve the standing of Saint Leo College in publications such as "Barrons" through intensifying recruitment of faculty with doctoral degrees. To encourage faculty to seek doctorates, the College has reserved money to help lessen the cost of tuition. Furthermore, they are offering pay raises to those who have doctorates. The administration is waiting for a list of faculty contract concerns so that they may be addressed. Warthling noted that the administration is only a representative of the Board of Trustees, which are insisting on the increase in doctorates. All final salary decisions are based on the official October enrollment.

William Foley, associate professor of accounting and president of the faculty union, offered additional comment on the contract negotiations. Foley began by summarizing negotiation proceedings of the past several years. Originally, the negotiations were very business like, including the presence of an attorney. Foley explained that during this period there was a great deal of conflict.

However, in the past five or six years, the deliberations have been much more friendly. Foley continued to explain that this year, the negotiations have returned to a very formal environment including the return of the attorney, who had been absent during the past few years. Foley stated that "changing the process was a mistake," and that the administration has taken an "adversarial position rather than a collegial position" this year.

Foley stated that the new contract was vastly different from the old contract. The faculty asked the administration about these changes, and Foley said the administration's reasoning had only limited logic to support the changes. He offered the example of the change in doctorate policy. Foley described one contention that would make a doctorate necessary for most tenures and promotions. He said that the administration had supported the change because it would improve the competitiveness and the academic quality of the College.

In response, the faculty stated that quality is not measured by the number of doctorates but by the caliber of students that the college graduates. He further

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Theatre and dance to leave Saint Leo College

by Jennifer Headley
Associate Editor

Among the several changes in Saint Leo College was the change in what courses were going to be terminated. In the College's second attempt to tighten the belt on its overwhelming budget, another target has fallen victim. This time it falls upon the departments that are both sources of culture for the school, as well as a major that was the basis for the carrier of choice for many students here. These two departments that had been dropped were the theater and dance department.

For a moment, I will take you behind the scenes so that you can see how this decision was finally made. Last year, the vice-president of academic affairs initiated an academic program review (a systematic review of all the academic programs that Saint Leo College offers with a primary to improve them.) This committee consisted of three deans and three faculty members with Dr. Holbrook sitting in as chairperson. Next, each academic group had to answer questions about their programs along with additional data such as costs and effects. Each program representative suggested that theater and dance be dropped. Without any warning or explanation, the theater and dance program was to be terminated in two years, which would allow the juniors and seniors of these majors to graduate with their degrees.

Since the initial letter stating the termination of the two departments had been issued, there have been many follow-up letters about the issue. The following letters gave explanations that varied from letter to letter, leaving an inconsistent story that has puzzled the theater and dance departments.

For the four teachers who will be found without a job in two years, this has come as a major disappointment, whose only source of consolement from the school reads as follows: "As you may be aware,

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In two years, SLC will have seen the last of the valuable cultural contributions that the dance and theatre programs have made.

EDITORIAL

Around the Corner from the President's Corner

Usually in this space you, our readers find a column from Monsignor Frank Mouch, our College president. However, when this newspaper was prepared, Monsignor was recuperating from surgery and so will not be able to address you until the next issue. In place of his column we bring you a guest column from Judith Rochelle, director of public affairs.

During the course of the summer some changes were made to the College curriculum, following a year-long Academic Program Review process which involved both three faculty members and three deans (former faculty members themselves). It is the president's desire to give the student body an explanation of the actions taken and to assure each and every one of you that the best interests of the students are always the first and foremost consideration.

One of the conclusions reached was that accounting needed to be elevated from designation as a specialty to the position of a full major. This is the result of a continuing effort by the administration to better prepare our students for life after graduation.

Decisions were also made affecting the dance and theatre programs. I quote to you from the president's letter to the faculty regarding that action.

"...relative to the decision to terminate ... the programs in dance and theatre...Two basic issues...were the focus of the review committee: program quality and the need to choose between good programs. Identification is not a matter of simple numbers or some formula. For this reason faculty from each division were involved in the review. The choice between good and bad is easy; the committee, rather, had to offer recommendations about good programs and decide which could contribute the most to the entire curriculum.

"While I would like to see all of the College community satisfied with the review process and decisions reached through it, I recognize that personal investment and involvement are high on the part of some faculty, students and alumni. Thus the (recent) efforts to have the decisions reversed. I am convinced that the recommendations made by the committee consisting of faculty and former faculty and accepted by the various authorities of the institution are good for the College as a whole and I ask that we accept what was admittedly a difficult decision and move forward to continue our process of building a stronger college."

It is important to keep in focus that the Academic Review Process, conducted by colleges and universities nationwide, is a tool by which the College can work to provide a quality academic environment for the student body as well as to create the best collegial structure for personal growth and development. This includes addressing the needs of students currently enrolled in theatre and dance by providing a two-year teachout program that will allow majors in those areas to graduate from this College. It also includes our commitment to continue a cultural environment at this institution and does not preclude theatre and dance production in some form.

Judith Rochelle
Director of Public Affairs

"Pipe" dream

by Ron Broz
Copy Editor

The other day I was in my ONE REQUIRED RELIGION CLASS, and we were going over Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech from his march on Washington. After listening to the instructor read the speech out loud (an actual recording was not available), we were directed to write our own piece beginning with "I have a dream one day that..." To my surprise, it turned out to be one of those occasions when what I'm writing grabs on and, at least for a short time, won't let me stop. Some people I know say that they can hear faint echoes of some deep-rooted cynicism in what I've written. Maybe they're right, but in some small way (the word modest seems insincere) I still think it's a worthwhile thing to share so here it is:

"I have a dream one day that peace will not be a word associated only with politicians. That one day there will be only those people who truly believe instead of just saying the words "peace" and "love" and "equality" while the meanings of those words slide off the outside of their hearts, kept at bay by the fear and hate and mistrust and anger they still feel. I have a dream that one day two or three or a thousand people can come together without fear of hatred or violence regardless of their ancestry, religion or personal differences. I have a dream that one day people will no longer be considered "outsiders" either for being from a minority group or for <u>not</u> being from a minority group. That one day we will all see that it's a <u>people</u> thing and we can <u>all</u> understand.

I have a dream that one day people will use the word "peace" because they will have forgotten anything else."

.....Realistic? Probably not. I look back over what I've written and it seems like so much smoke from some elaborate pipe dream. Has it really become that bad? Have we, as a people, come to rely and cling to our fears and hatreds, to the petty bigotries that allow each of us to feel superior, that we would feel lost and venerable without them? Some would say "yes," and the wars, border skirmishes, race rallies and hate crimes would, seemingly, prove them right. Let's keep in mind, however, that the reason that these things make the headlines is that they are the *exception* and that they are what we hear about because the *rule* of good, decent people living their lives does not make for high ratings. So is this dream of peace terribly realistic? No. On the other hand, I don't think it has to be all *that* farfetched, either.

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replied by mentioning that "Barrons" does not use doctorates as important criteria for determining the competitiveness of a college. Rather, the primary factor is the rate of "student applied verse student accepted." Standardized test scores also play a major role.

Foley explained that there were other issues within the negotiations as well that did not sit well with the union. He saw the "administration" creating an atmosphere of the administration being the parent and the faculty being the child. He also responded to the apparent surprise the administration stated it felt in the reaction to the initial contract. The faculty had explained their complaints to the administration concerning the contract.

Furthermore, Foley had spoken to both John Weicherding, vice president of business affairs, and Monsignor Mouch, president of the College, immediately before the vote. He told them "that without some compromises in the contract" he believed it was unlikely that the contract would get passed.

The faculty had offered further argument over the rate of pay system. Doctorates were the only factor in determining pay, they stated. The contract did not allow practical and teaching experience to enter as factors. Foley explained that without a doctorate, with a very few exceptions, faculty only received a three percent raise which is the same as staff received.

Foley further added without a doctorate, cost of living is the only adjustment. He said that in the past, raises had always been given as a flat rate of increase. Foley has requested a further meeting to continue the negotiations. He said that if the administration and the faculty cannot reach a decision, it is likely that a mediator will be called in.

Foley stated that more gradual changes would be agreeable but that the administration's changes were too sudden. In his conclusion, he stated, "I think we could work it out if the administration wouldn't be so adamant about certain issues."

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ON - CAMPUS

Beyond what arches?

by Jennifer Headley
Associate Editor

Over the summer many renovations have been made at Saint Leo College. In addition to the change in Henderson and Benoit residence halls, there was also a change in one of the more prominent aspects of Saint Leo. That big change was that the steel arches had been removed.

For all of you returning students you know what I am talking about, but for the freshmen and transfer students, I will go over the brief history of the arches. Shortly before Monsignor Mouch became president of Saint Leo College, there were huge lion pillars in front of the College's main entrance. Unfortunately time, along with senseless defacing of the statues, made it necessary to have the statues removed. In place of the lion pillar statues, a gigantic arch was put up with the words "Saint Leo College" written across it. It was uncertain who approved this particular design, but it was put there with the intention of only being a temporary design. Now, of course, it has been removed over the summer, after spending several years there.

What was the problem with the sign? In talking to John Weicherding, vice president for business affairs, I was able to find the answers to these questions. Apparently, from the time that the sign had been put up, it had been a source of controversy and even taken into full offense by others. The controversy and offense was that the arches made the College look more like a cemetery than a place of higher learning. It was also doing damage to the rectangular block pillars that the sign was bonded to.

"I don't know exactly who approved the arches or why they didn't remove it the same time that the eight foot wall was removed," Weicherding asked puzzled. "The two combined made it look more like a cemetery than ever."

The new design for the entrance of Saint Leo College is currently under intense negotiations. Among the possibilities were constructing a sign made of thick wood with the school name in protruding letters.

The loss of the arches is only one landmark change in a whole new series of plans for Saint Leo College which includes an expansion of the classrooms, residence halls, and offices. The whole new look has the intention of giving Saint Leo a more Floridian atmosphere. It includes the introduction of a more spanish appearance as well as palm trees.

Weicherding closed with, "We are always working to make Saint Leo College look more and more like a desirable home away from home."

New news on student discounts

Dear Students, Faculty,
and Staff of Saint Leo College,

The Student Leadership Coalition and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you back for the 1993-1994 academic year.

In cooperation with 55 local businesses and the Dade City Chamber of Commerce, I was proud to present the second annual Student Leadership Coalition Discount Booklet to everyone in the Saint Leo College community at the Dade City Chamber of Commerce Welcome Back ceremony.

In order for all of you to take advantage of these special offers it will be necessary for you to present your Saint Leo identification to the businesses represented in the booklet when using their facilities.

Once again I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students, wish you all the best in the up coming academic year, and encourage all of you to take full advantage of these special rates and services available to our college community.

Thank you, Sean Lahey
Director of Communication , Student Leadership Coalition

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to be something he really wasn't, but in Jason's case, the call was unanimous-he was a good person."

I interviewed another person who was more than willing to say a few words on Kessler's behalf. His name is Thamir Kaddouri, the president of Student Leadership Coalition. Kaddouri described Kessler as a wonderful, helpful person. In fact, it was Kessler who helped him with his calculus when he was having difficulties. Kessler, to Kaddouri, is the type of person who would go out of his way to help another person in need, and he is certain that they would reciprocate. His death was one of the first instances where Kaddouri had someone close to him die, and although he wish that he had spent more time with him, he is thankful for the time that he did get to spend with him. Kaddouri summarizes the memory of Kessler in these words: "To some people, he (Jason) is gone, but to me, he's gone, but never forgotten."

Along with the retirement of Kessler's jersey by his soccer coach and the members of the soccer team, his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which is now in the process of becoming Theta Xi, presented Jean Kessler, his mother, with an embroidered jersey. His fraternity has also started a scholarship in his name for the members of his fraternity.

Last, but certainly not least, we have Michael Stewart. He was better known by his classmates as "Cowboy" or "Tex," mainly because of his favorite cowboy hat that he wore often. He was an 18 year old freshman majoring in liberal arts at Saint Leo who had come from northern Miami.

He was involved in the track team, ROTC, and he was also a lifeguard. Stewart was always trying to improve his performance in anything that he did. In fact, that was the very thing that led to his fatal accident. He was alone on August 9 trying to improve his ability to hold his breath for a long periods of time during laps in the pool. This is where he apparently became unconscious and drowned.

Stewart was primarily a loner, but people knew of him through his determination in what he tried to accomplish. By the end of the spring semester, he had already won two awards in the ROTC program, which were the rapelling award and the Military Order of the World Wars Award. I had the opportunity to interview Nora Conley, the ROTC secretary who knew him during the spring semester when he was involved in ROTC She was very confident of his potential in that program as she quotes: "We in ROTC felt that he would have done well in this program. He had great potential."

I also had the chance to speak with Tony Mills (who works for the Marriott Food Service and got a chance to speak with Stewart often), who had some interesting things to say on his behalf. "Michael was always the last one in before the cafeteria closed. He was basically a loner and shy at first, but the more I got to know him, the more he opened up. It was worth getting to know him. He was honest, sincere, and kind-hearted. He loved the outdoors and he loved to run. He had very few friends, but the one's that he had, he was close to. I'm really going to miss him."

Cross country coach Robert Oppedisano also spoke on behalf of Stewart. "Michael was a quiet person who mostly kept to himself," he said. He was a very valued runner and was always working on improving his physical stamina."

Consequently, Stewart did help his team in a major way to become the fourth place finalists in the Sunshine State Cross Country Conference, which was the first in Saint Leo College's history.

As you can see, these were three special men whose death, though premature, taught us to appreciate our young own lives and how suddenly, without warning, we can lose them. We need to live each day as if it were the last day, because it has been proven here that it is not always going to last forever.

SPOT LIGHT

Speaking out on communication

Since communication is somewhat over looked I would like to offer to those who were not present at the Convocation a chance to share in my thoughts.

I would like to take a moment to thank the students, faculty, and administration for the opportunity to address you today. I find it difficult to find a medium in which to address the entire Saint Leo College community, but here I have the opportunity. When I speak of "community" I mean students, faculty, staff, and administration that are an integral part of this institution. Today I would like to address something that deeply concerns me: communication.

We have an epidemic at hand, and I don't think that we, "the Saint Leo community," have realized the potential harm it can do. This epidemic has crept into our classrooms, has slithered into our offices, and has rooted itself in our student organizations. It must be stopped!

As a student leader on campus I am aware of the communication gap that is apparent among all aspects of the Saint Leo College community. Today I propose we put a stop to this ruthless and devastating intruder. Saint Leo College prides itself on the practice of a student-centered, student-first philosophy of service. I stand before you today and I affirm that philosophy; however, it is essential that students play a more integral role in the future of this college. I have no particular incident in my mind, but, both you and I know that Saint Leo College is changing. In fact, if I may, I would like to quote former President Bush by saying that the changes which will soon be apparent at this institution are of "biblical proportions." Many people fear change, but I ask you not to.

I implore you not to fear these changes, but to stand strong and address your concerns regarding them. This is my senior year at this institution and I, for one, am astonished by the positive changes that have occurred in these short years. I ask you, the students, as I did last year, to make the difference. Think positively and take some risks. If you know the facts and you believe in yourself, you can make the difference. I know that the administration is willing to hear the students, but I think the students are the ones who truly have yet to speak.

In closing, I would like to thank you once again and leave you with these thoughts: Saint Leo College is moving forward into the future; step by step, moment by moment. The students have entered a new era with the administration. It is not difficult to find students who care about this fine institution and who are willing to get involved.

In the end they take the risks and make the difference. It sounds similar to a popular saying "what we can do depends on you"; "you," being the students.

If I may share this saying which I have personalized regarding the work risk:

"You, the students, the faculty, the administration, cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

I hope that you can relate to my concern, and most importantly, I hope that you react to what I am saying.

Sincerely, Thamir Kaddouri

This semester, Dr. Maribeth Durst has left her administrative role as vice president of academic affairs for enrollment management and resumed her faculty role as professor of sociology.

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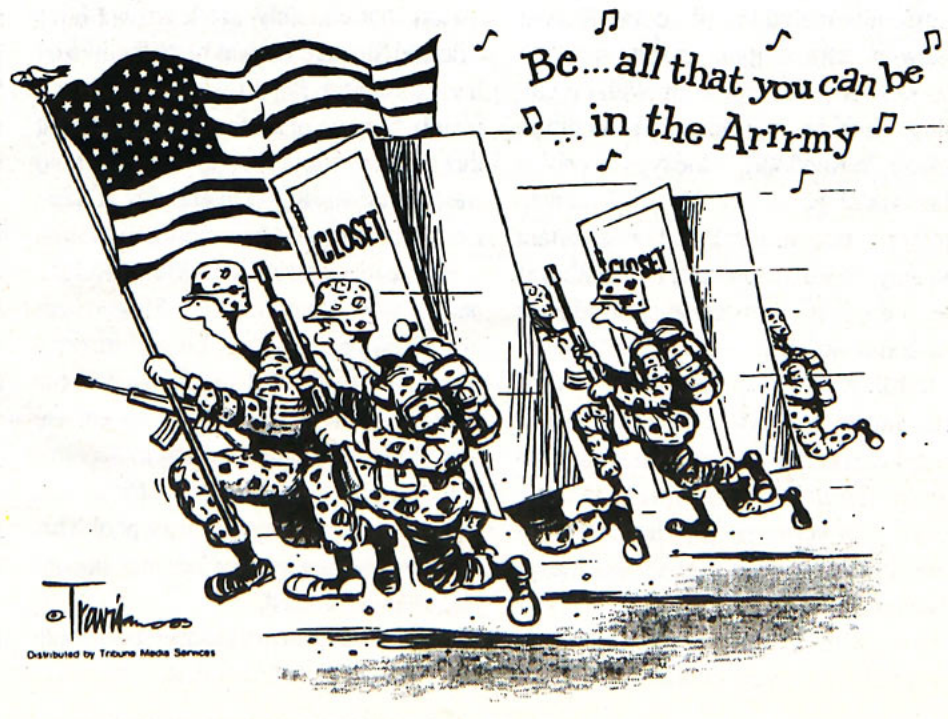
Tau Kappa Epsilon wants to thank SLC for allowing us to use the allocation money. We used it to take our biannual conference trip to San Francisco. The money was well spent. The conference was a great leadership learning experience. The conference was a great leadership learning experience. The conference offered a wide variety of seminars. We had the great opportunity o network with other chapters around the nation and abroad. We came away with many useful ideas that will strengthen our brotherhood on the SLC campus.



IN FOCUS

Person on the street

"What are your thoughts on the decision to end the theater and dance programs at the end of the spring '95 semester?"

"I realize it's not profitable for the College to have the department open. However, I feel that the College is hindering the students from getting the full cultural experience from a liberal arts college."

CeCe Sweat, Business '94

"I'm personally very upset by it. I think it will destroy the atmosphere of Saint Leo College and change it from a liberal arts college. They're going the wrong way about budgeting. My little brother wanted to come to Saint Leo. I don't think I could recommend Saint Leo to him because it is no longer the type of school I want him to go to."

Ginger Sheehy, Theater '94

"I understand why it was done, but it still saddens me. It is a program that has always added a special spirit to Saint Leo. I think it will be sorely missed."

Leah Titus, Education '94

"I feel that with the loss of the dance and theater departments we will not only be losing the valuable student enrollment, but we will also be breaking away from a true liberal arts education. Dance and theater are crucial elements that help to form our social and cultural diversity on this campus. I wish the Board of Trustees and the College administration would reconsider their decision, because without our cultural series we lose sight of a true liberal arts college.

Brian Stuber, Public Admin. '94

"I think it's a shame for Saint Leo to lose any of our majors. For those in the theater and dance majors, I feel sorry because they came to Saint Leo full of hopes and dreams. Now they have to rearrange their careers. That's the toughest lesson they've learned here."

Anomynous, Staff

"It is really a loss to Saint Leo College to have its theater and dance programs dropped as a major. I know it wasn't just a drop of a hat to do it. Much time, research, and thought was put into the closing, and I understand why it had to be dropped. I just hope that the students, faculty, and administration don't let this decision negatively effect the College from moving forward."

Becky Buller, Elementary Ed. '94

"I think the closing of the theater and dance programs is a severe blow to Saint Leo College and the future students that may attend it. In the past, students and members of the College have always been proud of the fact that we are a liberal arts institution. We provide a wide variety of classes that fit each students need. Although I realize we may still be classified as a liberal arts college, I believe we are doing the students of the future an injustice. I only wish that the student leaders could have participated in this decision-making process."

Thamir Kaddouri, Pre-Law '94

"I have no comment."

Dr. Robert Imperato, Dean
Div. of Liberal Arts & Sciences

"Person on the Street" is yet another step in the Monarch's continuing quest to provide an open and quality student forum. In every paper, we will present a current issue, and then we will collect and print the varied comments of Saint College community on that issue. Everyone is encouraged to submit both comments on whatever the current issue happens to be and/or suggestions for future issues. To submit a comment or suggestion, offer it to any staff or Editorial Board member of the Monarch by the deadline. If you can't find anyone to submit it to, than just slide it under the Monarch office door at Saint Ed's 238.

Next issue's question will be:

"How do you feel about having to eat breakfast and Sunday meals at Marmion?"

Deadline for responses is October 20.

Ex mea sententia

By Fredrick B. Ramlow

Welcome to ex mea sententia.

My name is Frederick B. Ramlow and in my first column I'm going to tell you a little bit about myself. At age 31, I am hardly the traditional student. My 88 mile a day drive means that you, me and Chevron Oil Corp. can classify me as a commuter student. Yes, one of those strange people that dress differently and look half asleep, because we have to get up so early to get to school on time.

But, back to the point. Most people would now tell you their hometown. I have a problem with this subject though, mostly because I don't have a hometown. I was born and raised an Air Force brat. My birth place is the island of Bermuda. The rest of my life was spent in California, Michigan (U.P.), Florida, New Hampshire and Florida again.

Needless to say I have traveled extensively. Add to this travel five years in the U.S. Navy, and I have traveled over half the planet. What has all of this traveling taught me? The first lesson is don't eat at the Holiday Inn in Karachi, Pakistan unless you want a lesson you will never forget. The second lesson is that America has a lot going for it.

If you want beautiful scenery, we have it. If you want fascinating cultural events, we have that, too. Finally, if you want a mall you had better stay here. Of all the places I have been to overseas, the two I would recommend the most are Spain and the Caribbean Islands.

I left the Navy in 1986, and started working at Hillsborough Community College as a security officer. If you want a crash course on how to deal with a highly diverse group of people then go there and apply for the job. It was definitely a learning experience. After about two years of this, my wife and I looked at each other (she was working as a library assistant at the time) and came to the mutual decision that if we didn't go to college (or back to college in her case) that these jobs would be it until retirement. Well, neither of us wanted to stay where we were that long so it was back to school.

There was no way we could both go to school at the same time, and since she all ready had her A.A. it was decided that she would go back first. Sounds pretty straight forward right? Well, not quite.

Maintaining our standard of living was requiring us both to work. We had a problem. That problem was a five hundred dollar rent payment and about the same in bills. So needless to say some major sacrifices were in order. First, was a debt consolidation. Second, was the removal of the rent payment. Yes, at age 28 my wife and I moved back into my parents' house. Luckily I have very understanding parents who respect our privacy. It's not always easy, but it has enabled us to go to school. This gift is one thing I will never be able to thank them enough for providing.

Well, enough of my life story. Let me clue you into some of my beliefs and political philosophy. I am a recent convert to the Roman Catholic faith, and I take it very seriously. As for politics, the label that fits me best is neo-conservative. This label is not a perfect match but it will do. My political party affiliation is Republican, mainly because the Democrats don't want me. Frankly, in our two party system there is no one else. One thing I think America really needs is a good Christian Democrat party. But, I will save that idea for another column.

Speaking of other columns, I bet everyone is wondering what I will be writing about. Well, let me rephrase that. I hope someone is wondering what I will be writing about. Oh well, just in case anyone is wondering, the column will mostly be about my observations on college life from a commuter student's viewpoint. Simple things like why do all of the sorority and fraternity girls and guys dress alike and what does this mean? Or why there is only five minutes between classes, and what effects does this have on the running shoe industry? I will also be covering a lot of cultural issues from time to time. Throw in religion, current events and add a dash of administration policy, two teaspoons of history and a pinch of philosophy and I should be able to cook a pretty interesting column up every so often.

WARNING...WARNING...WARNING!!! I have a tendency toward sarcasm. But, this sarcasm is not meant in a hurtful sort of way. If I do happen to offend just about everyone on campus, then please remember when you are coming to get me with your pitchforks and torches, Florida has laws against the open burning of trash. So, I can't be burned at the stake. Also, I am extremely allergic to bullets (they make me breakout in bloody wounds). So please don't shoot me. Prove to me that I am wrong in my opinion by writing a letter to the editor. Just out argue me, and who knows we will probably even print the letter.

One final thing. If anyone is wondering what the title of my column means, you can find it at the library in reference book PA 2365.E5L65. See you around campus.

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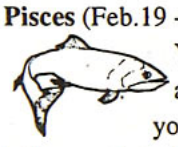
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan.19)

You are a person who enjoys luxury and good living. This is a good time to take care of financial matters. Organization is your strongest point; use it. You have to be careful in emotional matters because you are very sensitive and impressionable. Hard work and determination will get you a position of prominence and respect.

Aquarius (Jan.20 - Feb.18)

You are a very logical, practical person who is ambitious, sometimes at the cost of others. Some control and consideration for people around you will take care of that. But hold your own. Do not make decisions based on what other people say at the expense of your own opinion. You are feeling rebellious and will take some risks in order to make things more exciting. Make use of your creative tendencies.

Pisces (Feb.19 - Mar. 20)



You are very protective about what you consider your own. You are willing to help people achieve their dreams. You take responsibility for your actions and mistakes. Ladies, this is a good time to find your Prince Charming. There are a lot of new emotions which you cannot hide any longer. Just be careful. You are still subject to crushes and you are emotionally vulnerable.

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)

You are strong in your faith, whether you belief is in God, yourself or someone else. This faith will carry you over the rough period of transition that you are going through. You will be in a situation completely new to you. Consider all the options and choose what you feel would be best for you. You are content with your present emotional situation.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)

You are starting afresh. Everything is new to you and you accept all that comes your way. You are allowing your mind to expand to new horizons, accept new concepts. You have travelled and will travel to inspiring places. You are confident that the decisions you make are right. There is a relationship lurking in your future, but it is up to you to develop it. Take risks.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

You are also starting anew except that this is caused by indecision towards something very important in your life. You are adaptable, flexible, confident, and ambitious. These are all good points but do not let them get out of hand. You are rebelling against all conventional ways. This rebellion and your determination and confidence will also allow you to triumph in whatever you do.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You are very influential in your group and you tend to be reliable and predictable. You are successful in reaching all your goals. You are also very strong, competitive and independent. A worthy opponent. You are starting a new project this month. You will receive money from an unexpected source.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

You love and protect what you consider your own. You are very responsible and you like to help people. You are an intelligent and devoted person. You are at the beginning of a new phase of you life. There will be a drastic change in your point of view towards the world around you.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

You are open-minded and flexible. You realize that there are things completely out of your control and you try to make the best of them. You feel rebellious but you are unsure of whether you should take a risk or not. Where love is concerned, you wish to make yourself available to other partners. If you already have a partner then you will be looking for new excitement in your relationship.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

You have a positive attitude towards other people and situations that you are in. You have a lot of creative ideas. Develop them. You are practical and wonderful for organizing teams or projects. You find some aspects of your life boring and you want to risk something new. You are confident that you will succeed in whatever you wish.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You are very flexible, always willing to change or take a new risk. You are also confident that you will reach your dreams. Concentrate on making decisions for yourself not on what others think. You are attractive to other people as well as being widely respected. Opportunity knocks.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You have great potential but you have to learn how to tap into it. You must make several choices to get ahead in your life. You are very independent. Yet, you are also a good, sympathetic friend. Go ahead and take that risk. It will be the best thing you do.

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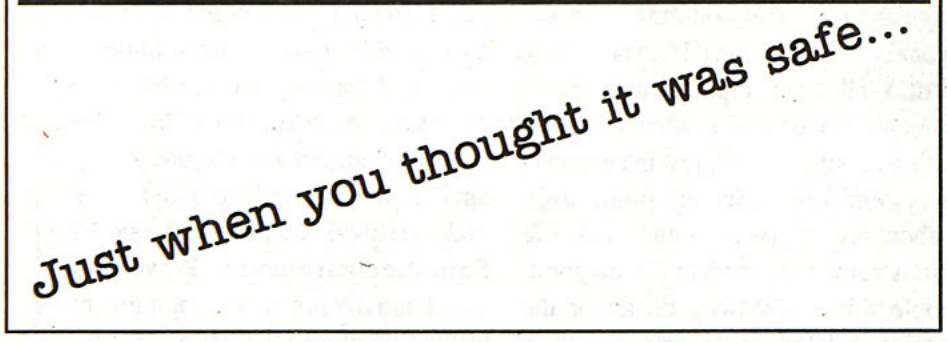

Theatre

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in two years the theater and dance department will be terminated. While it is difficult to project with complete accuracy faculty staffing needs, it is unlikely that such an opportunity would arise." For Mr. and Mrs. Henry, who came to this College 25 years ago and established the dance department and both agree that, "The loss of a theater and dance department ruins the tenure and atmosphere of a college." Frankel also expressed his disappointment in the loss of the program.

What will a liberal arts college do without the arts? Well, according to Monsignor Mouch, a theater and dance program are not what define a liberal arts college, as he describes Saint Leo as: "A college of professional preparation with a base in the liberal arts."

Theater and dance majors have even in the past been recipients of such awards as The Bowman Award and the Leonard Award. People who are other than dance or theater majors often help out with the performances. In an average production in fact, 20 or more non-theater majors assist in the production.

The main problem may lie in the steady decrease in scholarships available to the people in these majors, or it may be a lack of interest due to the sign of the times. Whichever the case, the reactions to the loss of these two programs have not been very positive. In fact, rallies in support of these programs have been initiated. Although it proved to be a failure, it did prove that students want to continue to be involved and keep the arts alive, and with a loss of that chance, the school is doing no one a favor.

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SPORTS

Soccer Soccer Soccer Soccer

By Shayne Horan
Sports Editor

The 1993 Saint Leo College men's soccer team has started off the year with a 4-2 record. Opening their season at the Eckerd College Tournament, the Monarchs were defeated in two close games by scores of 3-2 against Augusta College, and 2-1 against Pembroke State. Although they suffered these two very close losses, the team has bounced back to produce four straight blowouts, pounding Webber College by a score of 12-0, thrashing Clearwater Christian College by a score of 10-0, defeating Eckerd College by a score of 5-1, and downing Saint Thomas University by a score of 7-2. Team leaders so far this season are Sam Koleduk with 13 goals and four assists, Geoff Chisolm with four goals and five assists, Todd Debolt with five goals and one assist, and Steve Alvarez with two goals and six assists.

Volleyball Volleyball Volleyball

By Shayne Horan
Sports Editor

The 1993 Saint Leo College Volleyball team opened the season with a win over Webber College. After losing three tough matches to Nova University, Florida Southern and Rollins College, the Monarchs have gone 2-1 in their last three meetings. They lost a tough match to Barry University, and defeated Clearwater Christian College and Southeastern College. The team is now 3-4.

Men's Cross Country Men's Cross Country

By Shayne Horan
Sports Editor

The men's cross country team recently finished in 6th place at the Florida Southern College Cross Country Invitational, with a total 155 points. The eight-team invitational, which was held on September 18, was won by Flagler College, which compiled a low score of 58 points to take the title. Placing runners the 10K event for Saint Leo were Jim Keffer with a time of 38:47 and 17th place, Don Monette with a time of 42:01 and 28th place, Mike duDomaine with a time of 43:47 and 37th place, and Todd Patterson with a time of 44:14 and 38th place.

Women's Cross Country Women's Cross Country

By Shayne Horan
Sports Editor

The Women's Cross Country team ended the 1993 Florida Southern College Cross Country Invitational with four individual placers. Although the team did not place, there were four runners who produced strong finishes. Cassandra Grieshop finished on top for Saint Leo with a time of 27:00. Other placers include Brenda Flaig in 22nd place with a time of 27:03, Jennifer Varie in 32nd place with a time of 33:22, and Jennifer Higgins in 33rd place with a time of 34:10.

Academic Calendar for 1993 fall semester

Midsemester grades issued	Thurs., Oct. 28
Last day to withdraw from courses without course failure (fee)	Thurs., Nov. 4
Preregistration/advising for spring semester begins	Fri., Nov. 5
Thanksgiving Holiday	Wed.-Fri., Nov. 24-26
Preregistration for spring semester begins	Fri., Dec. 3
Last day to withdraw from College without failure	Mon., Dec. 13
Last day to remove incomplete grades	Tues., Dec. 14
Last day of classes	Tues., Dec. 14
Final exams	Wed.-Sat., Dec. 15-18
Residence halls close at 8 p.m.	Sat., Dec. 18

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Soccer

DATE		OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sat Sept 4		Augusta College	Eckerd Tournament	5:00 PM
Sun Sept 5		Pembroke State College	Eckerd Tournament	5:00 PM
Wed Sept 8		Webber College	Saint Leo	4:00 PM
Tue Sept 14		Clearwater Christian College	Saint Leo	4:00 PM
Wed Sept 15	*	Eckerd College	St. Petersburg	3:30 PM
Sat Sept 18		Saint Thomas University	Saint Leo	2:00 PM
Sun Sept 26	*	Florida Tech	Saint Leo	2:00 PM
Wed Sept 29	*	University of Tampa	Tampa	7:30 PM
Sat Oct 2		Palm Beach Atlantic College	Saint Leo	2:00 PM
Sun Oct 3	*	Rollins College	Saint Leo	2:00 PM
Wed Oct 6		Embry Riddle University	Saint Leo	4:00 PM
Sat Oct 9		Presbyterian College	Panama City	8:00 PM
Sun Oct 10		Nova University	Panama City	1:00 PM
Wed Oct 13		Saint Francis College	Saint Leo	4:00 PM
Sat Oct 16		TBA	Saint Leo	2:00 PM
Sat Oct 23		Flagler College	Saint Leo	2:00 PM
Wed Oct 27	*	Florida Southern College	Saint Leo	3:30 PM
Tue Nov 2	*	Barry University	Miami Shore	3:30 PM
Sat Nov 6	*	University of North Florida	Saint Leo	2:00 PM
Sun Nov 7		Davis & Elkins College	Saint Leo	2:00 PM

* *Denotes Sunshine State Conference Game*

Head Coach: Fran Reidy **Assistant Coach:** Drew Griffin

Volleyball

Tue Sept 7		Webber College	Saint Leo	7:30 PM
Thur Sept 9		Nova University	Saint Leo	7:30 PM
Sat Sept 11	*	Florida Southern College	Lakeland, FL	7:30 PM
Wed Sept 15	*	Rollins College	Saint Leo	7:30 PM
Fri Sept 17		Clearwater Christian College	Saint Leo	7:30 PM
Sat Sept 18	*	Barry University	Miami Shores, FL	7:30 PM
Mon Sept 20		Southeastern College	Saint Leo	7:00 PM
Fri Sept 24		Maryville College Tournament	Maryville, TN	TBA
Sat Sept 25		Maryville College Tournament	Maryville, TN	TBA
Wed Sept 29	*	University of Tampa	Tampa, FL	7:30 PM
Sat Oct 2	*	Eckerd College	Saint Leo	7:30 PM
Tue Oct 5		Nova University	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	7:30 PM
Wed Oct 6	*	Florida Tech	Melbourne, FL	7:30 PM
Thu Oct 7		Southeastern College	Lakeland, FL	7:00 PM
Mon Oct 11		Saint Francis College	Saint Leo	7:30 PM
Wed Oct 13	*	Florida Southern College	Saint Leo	7:30 PM
Wed Oct 20	*	Rollins College	Winter Park, FL	7:30 PM
Fri Oct 22		Jacksonville State Tourney	Jacksonville, AL	TBA
Sat Oct 23		Jacksonville State Tourney	Jacksonville, AL	TBA
Mon Oct 25	*	University of Tampa	Saint Leo	7:30 PM
Tue Oct 26		Webber College	Babson Park, FL	7:00 PM
Fri Oct 29		Clearwater Christian College	Clearwater, FL	6:00 PM
Wed Nov 3	*	University of North Florida	Jacksonville, FL	7:30 PM
Tue Nov 9	*	Barry University	Saint Leo	8:00 PM
Wed Nov 10	*	Eckerd College	St. Petersburg, FL	7:30 PM
Fri Nov 12	*	University of North Florida	Saint Leo	7:30 PM
Wed Nov 13	*	Florida Tech	Saint Leo	7:30 PM

**Sunshine State Conference Matches*

Head Coach: Sandy Hotwagner

Cross Country

Sat Sept 18		Florida Southern	Away	8:00 AM
Sat Sept 25		Stetson University	Away	8:00 AM
Sat Oct 2		University of Tampa	Away	8:00 AM
Sat Oct 9		University of Florida	Away	8:00 AM
Fri Oct 15		University of South Florida	Away	8:00 AM
Thu Oct 21		Warner Southern College	Away	5:30 PM
Sat Oct 30		Sunshine State Conference	Home	TBA

Head Coach: Rob Oppedisano

New emphasis on collegiate athletics

By Shayne Horan
Sports Editor

As another year in sports at Saint Leo College gets underway, the athletic director, coaches, and student body have something to look forward to.

After recently meeting with ESPN-affiliated Lee Corso, Mark Mitchell, the new chairman of the athletics committee of the board of trustees, and Monsignor Frank Mouch have come back with some enthusiasm and positive news. As athletic director and baseball coach John Schaly puts it, "We're happy as hell!"

This happiness has come in part from a decision to focus more attention towards the athletics of Saint Leo College. According to Coach Schaly, they gained more knowledge on the importance of athletics at the collegiate level. By increasing funds for scholarships, athletic facilities, and other various sports needs, they now feel they can help the College gain recognition in sports. This recognition will hopefully bring more students to the school, increase student support for athletics, and improve Saint Leo College as a whole.

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